

## REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 9-12, 21, 25, 30, and 43-47 have been canceled. In addition, withdrawn claims 38-42 have been canceled and claims 48-52 have been added. Claims 16, 22 and 31 have been amended to be in independent form.

Claims 13-20, 22-24, 26-29, 31-37, and 48-52 remain in the application.

The Examiner stated that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten to include base and intervening limitations.

In response, Applicant has rewritten claim 16 to be in independent form including the limitations of claims 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15. Applicant notes that, for language clarity,

- 1) the “further comprising” phrase of claims 11 and 12 has only been recited once and a corresponding “and” has been added; and
- 2) the “wherein” phrase of claims 14, 15 and 16 has only been recited once and a corresponding “and” has been added.

Claims 17-20 remain dependent from now-independent claim 16. In addition, withdrawn claims 38-42 have been canceled and new claims 48-52 have been depended from claim 16 wherein the new claims are similar to canceled claims 38-42. The new claims are supported by the filed application (e.g., see FIG. 5 and associated specification paragraphs 0041-0052).

The Examiner stated that claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten to include base and intervening limitations.

In response, Applicant has rewritten claim 22 to be in independent form including the limitations of claims 9, 11, 12, and 21. Applicant notes that, for language clarity, the “further comprising” phrase of claims 11, 12, and 21 has only been recited once and a corresponding “and” has been added. In addition, a “said” has been corrected to an “a” in line 16.

Claims 13, and 14 have been amended to depend from now-independent claim 22 (with claim 15 remaining dependent from claim 14) and claims 9-12, and 21 have been canceled.

The Examiner stated that claim 31 would be allowable if rewritten to include base and intervening limitations.

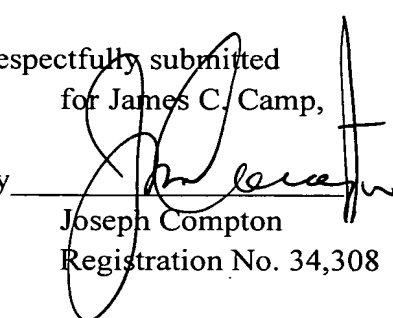
In response, Applicant has rewritten claim 31 in independent form including the limitations of claims 25 and 30. Applicant notes that, for language clarity, the “wherein said regulation system includes:” phrase of claims 30 and 31 has only been recited once. Applicant further notes that “composite” in line eight has been corrected to “aggregate” to find antecedent in line three.

Claims 32-37 remain dependent from claim 31, claims 26-28 have been amended to depend from now-independent claim 31 (with claim 29 remaining dependent from claim 28), and claims 25 and 30 have been canceled. Applicant notes that “composite” has been corrected to “aggregate” in claim 28 to find antecedent in claim 31.

Because they make no substantive changes in originally-filed language, these claim amendments are unrelated to statutory requirements for patentability and do not, therefore, narrow the scope of the claims.

Applicant therefore requests withdrawal of objection and rejections and an early allowance of claims 13-20, 22-24, 26-29, 31-37, and 48-52.

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